

Application No.: 10/658,985
Amendment and Response dated: August 16, 2006
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-17 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 4-5 and 7 are rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Harada et al., hereinafter ("Harada"), US 5,233,260. Claims 4, 6, 10-11, 16 and 18-49 are cancelled. Claims 1, 3, 5, 7, 12 and 17 are amended. New claims 50-68 are added.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge claims 2-3, 6 and 8-17 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. See Office Action dated 5/16/2006, paragraph 3. To expedite prosecution, independent claims 1, 50 and 59 incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 6, claim 10 and claim 16, and therefore are allowable in their present form. Dependent claims 2-3, 5, 7-9, 12-15, 17, 51-58 and 60-68 are allowable as depending from allowable base claims. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of any cancelled claims in future continuing applications.

It is believed that this Amendment places the application in condition for allowance, and early favorable consideration of this Amendment is earnestly solicited.

If, in the opinion of the Examiner, an interview would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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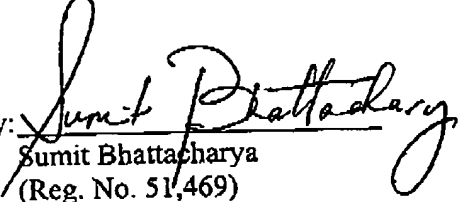
The Office is hereby authorized to charge any fees, or credit any overpayments, to

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Respectfully submitted,

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